

Otis Marvin Belden, 85

Otis Belden, 85, Groton, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas. The funeral and internment will be in Groton, in late spring at a time to be determined by the family.

Otis Marvin Belden was born February 20, 1922 to Otto and Mathilda (Jacobson) Belden, Groton. He attended school in Groton, prior to serving in the US Navy during WWII, September 1944 - June 1946.

He married Irene Mae Siefkes, November 3, 1947 at Groton, where the couple raised a family and farmed for many years. From 1960-65, Otis attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, obtaining an Industrial Arts degree and later Masters and Specialists degrees. He taught at Groton High School for four years and at Northern State College for 15 years, retiring at age 62. Prior to and following retirement, Otis and Irene remodeled and sold older homes in Groton. The couple spent 18 enjoyable years wintering in Texas.

Otis has been a faithful member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, Groton, (residing for the winter in Harlingen, Texas); five children, Curtis (Lona) Belden, Gillette, Wyo.; Kerry (Pam) Belden, Green Bay, Wis.; Bill (Judy) Belden, Jenks, Okla.; Brian (Debby) Belden, Nipomo, Calif., and Jan (Rick) Hillestad, Lake Preston, SD; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, and four brothers.

